

1 AN ACT in relation to children.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5.25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 505/5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5.25. Child on ventilator; discharge from hospital.

8 If (i) a child is medically ready to be discharged from a
9 hospital and is dependent upon a ventilator to support
10 breathing and (ii) the Department is responsible for placing
11 the child upon discharge from the hospital but cannot place
12 the child immediately upon discharge, with the result that
13 the child remains in the hospital pending placement, then
14 until the child is discharged in accordance with a placement
15 by the Department, the Department must continue to reimburse
16 the hospital for care provided to the child at the same rate
17 at which the Department reimburses the hospital for inpatient
18 services.

19 Section 10. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
20 adding Section 5-23 as follows:

21 (305 ILCS 5/5-23 new)

22 Sec. 5-23. Child on ventilator; discharge from hospital.

23 If (i) a hospitalized child is dependent upon a ventilator to
24 support breathing and that child is medically ready for
25 discharge from a hospital but does not have a home
26 environment ready to support his or her medical needs and
27 (ii) that child is a ward of the Department of Children and
28 Family Services or is a recipient of medical assistance under
29 this Article V, then the Department of Children and Family

1 Services or the Department of Public Aid must continue to
2 reimburse the hospital for the care provided to the child at
3 the same rate at which the respective department reimburses
4 the hospital for inpatient services.